



Chairperson Vice-Chair

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, September 3, 2009**

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, September 3, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Rev. Ronald L. Griffin **(ABS)**
Mohamed Okdie
Toney Stewart **(ABS)**
Adela Rivera
Rev Jim Holley

Sgt. Darnell Patterson
Sgt. Janae Stinson
PO Dwight Featherstone
PO Roland Clark

Department Personnel Present

AC Ralph Godbee
DC Herbert Moreland
2nd DC John Roach
Cmdr. Todd Bettison
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Lt. Loletha Porter
Lt. Anthony Topp
Lt. Cynthia Williams
Sgt. Romel Alexander
Sgt. Bernard Beck-O-Steen
PO Sophia Nelms
PO James Dockery

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Lt. Lashinda Houser, Police Personnel **(ABS)**
Lt. Daniel Allen
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator **(ABS)**
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Marc Deldin
Tijuana Morris

Gaspar Fiore
Ron Scott

Bernice Smith
Edward Moore

Erica Hill

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Okdie called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:10 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, September 3, 2009**

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, August 27, 2009**

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

OFFICE CLOSING

The Board of Police Commissioners' Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be **CLOSED** on the following date:

- Monday, September 7, 2008, in observance of Labor Day.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2009 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

This Week

Year to Date

49
18
63% Increase

1097
1155
5% Decrease

2008 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,094** active investigations, of which **716** of those are for 2009. A total of **1,267** investigations have been closed since January 1, 2009.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 09/03/09	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
3	CENTRAL*		2	1			1				4
3	EASTERN		2	2						1	5
7	NORTHEASTERN*		5	2			4			1	12
11	NORTHWESTERN*	1	2	1			4			5	13
1	SOUTHWESTERN		1				1				2
4	GANG ENFORCEMENT		3	2			2				7
5	COMMUNICATIONS		1				1			4	6
3	NARCOTICS		1				1		2		4
2	TACTICAL SERVICES			2							2
7	Unknown Command		1				5			2	8
3	10TH PRECINCT		1				2			1	4
3	12TH PRECINCT		1			1	1			1	4
52	*Multiple Allegations	1	20	10		1	22		2	15	71

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, September 10, 2009

@ 6:30 P.M.

Second Ebenezer Church
14601 Dequindre
Detroit, Michigan 48212

“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On August 26, 2009, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 3000 block of Bluehill on “Shots Fired” and a subject was arrested. As a result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with “Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm Less than Murder, Weapons-Firearms Discharge in or at a Building, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Felony Assault), Weapons-Felony Firearm, and Domestic Violence.”

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Engaging the Community

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District/Precinct stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
	2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
	7737 Kercheval	*8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	628-2121
	19810 Grand River	*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	870-0649
	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
	2575 S. Schaefer	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	297-9423
	20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
	13206 E. Jefferson	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	821-5851
	22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	343-7506
	14700 Mack	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	852-4046

* Mini-Stations– Monday –Friday

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Police / Community Intervention

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Twelfth Precinct

On August 28, 2009, officers of the Twelfth Precinct responded to the 18000 block of Livernois on a "Breaking & Entering" in progress. As a result of their quick response and investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Breaking & Entering of a Business."



Northeastern District

On August 28, 2009, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 14000 block of Jos Campau on a "Breaking & Entering Alarm." Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Breaking & Entering with Intent and Habitual 4th."



Tenth Precinct

On August 24, 2009, while on routine patrol in the area of Tireman and Beechwood, officers of the Tenth Precinct observed two vehicles that were stolen via carjackings. As a result of their investigation, three subjects were arrested and charged with "Armed Robbery, Car-Jacking, Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery, and Conspiracy to Commit Car-Jacking."



Northwestern District

On August 30, 2009, while on routine patrol in the 14000 block of Schaefer, officers of the Northwestern District investigated the driver of a speeding vehicle. Due to the officers' investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon." A weapon was recovered.

AC Godbee stated the department buried PO Tommie Bray who died on the job on Tuesday. He thanked the department for their support to the Bray Family.

Vice-Chair Okdie stated he attended the family hour and the home going of PO Bray and the turn out showed great support to the family.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. GRANTS:

1. REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A FY 2010 HIGH PRIORITY - MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (FMCSA)

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has announced that they are accepting applications for a "FY 2010 High Priority (HP) - Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program" grant. These funds will be awarded at the FMCSA's discretion for safety initiatives such as State data quality improvement, high visibility Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) and non-CMV traffic enforcement, public information and education, enhancements to State training and HM safety and Special research efforts.

The FMCSA anticipates awarding \$15,000,000 to various initiatives around the country. Metropolitan Operations, of the Detroit Police Department, has been provided with the application instructions and is currently developing a program in compliance with the guidelines of the grant. The amount of funding that the Department will request is still to be determined. The FMCSA will fund the project at 80%, with the Department responsible for the remaining 20%. This match will come in the form of an "in-kind contribution" rather than a cash match.

In the event that approval is granted to apply and the award is received, Commander Janice Butler, of Metropolitan Operations, would serve as the project director. **The deadline for this application is September 15, 2009.**

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting this application.

MOTION: **Comm. Rivera** made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**2. REQUEST PERMISSION TO ALLOW PRODUCTION COMPANY TO
FILM A MOTION PICTURE TITLED "LITTLE MURDER"**

On **September 4, 2009**, Little Murder Productions is scheduled to film a motion picture titled "**Little Murder**" set in the city of New Orleans. The Detroit Police Department is requesting permission to allow the film company to use areas in 1300 Beaubien to film a portion of the film.

Upon your approval, uniformed personnel from Tactical Operations will be on site to facilitate film crews, parking, and equipment during filming. Little Murder Productions will reimburse for all Police Services (including overtime) incurred by the Department.

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting this project.

Comm. Holley stated it is his understanding that the officers will be paid by the movie company.

Sgt. Stinson stated they will pay for the officer's service.

Vice-Chair Okdie asked if she can explain the pay for officer's service.

Sgt. Stinson stated they will pay for any other time the officers are on the set.

Vice-Chair Okdie stated any other time as being filmed in the production.

Sgt. Stinson stated no sir.

Vice-Chair Okdie asked if any officers are being used in the production.

Sgt. Stinson stated no sir.

Comm. Rivera asked if the department receives any money for the use of the building.

AC Godbee stated for clarification the officers are utilized to secure the set and perimeters.

Vice-Chair Okdie stated officers will not be used in the production.

AC Godbee stated not in this particular production.

Comm. Holley asked if Detroit is mentioned in the movie.

Sgt. Stinson stated no, it take place in New Orleans.

Comm. Holley stated the "Little Murder" didn't happen in Detroit.

Sgt. Stinson stated no sir.

Comm. Holley asked if the department will be reimbursed for the use of the building.

Sgt. Stinson stated no, only for the officers that are on location.

Comm. Holley stated the building is for free.

Sgt. Stinson stated yes sir.

Comm. Holley asked who usually negotiates the use of the building.

E. Hill stated that a document was signed by the governor stating that donating City properties was a good idea the help bring the filming to the City.

Comm. Holley stated the department needs money, and asked if they would try to negotiate the use of the building next time.

E. Hill stated each production company is looked at separately based on their budget.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Holley stated to Vice-Chair Okdie if he could speak to the Chairperson regarding bringing everyone together to confront the youth violence.

Vice-Chair Okdie stated this is a national issue although the City has to deal with it on a daily basis. He stated sooner or later it is going to have to be dealt with in a proactive way.

AC Godbee stated the Chief is keeping this in front of the sworn members every day. He mentioned the department is making strides regarding this issue. The Chief held a town hall meeting to let the citizens weigh in on this issue.

Comm. Holley stated what he is looking for is to bring all of the people who have a stake in this, the Prosecutor, Police Department, and people to the table. He stated the community feels like there is no one listening.

AC Godbee stated that the Chief is aware of all of your concerns and have established relationships with all of those entities.

Comm. Holley stated that several heads are better than one and there needs to be a round table discussion regarding this issue.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

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Northeastern District
Second Ebenezer Church
14601 Dequindre
Detroit, MI 48212

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

R. Scott stated he agrees with AC Godbee because this issue has to be looked at holistically. He also agrees with Comm. Holley that there needs to be a collaborated effort.

B. Smith asked if the Cadets could be utilized inside of the buildings and let some of those experience officers patrol the neighborhoods. She asked about the in-car videos and is tired of youth violence against seniors.

E. Moore stated he echoes Comm. Holley and Ms. Smith's concerns and Councilman Kenyetta's door is opened.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb